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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Thomas W. Rand, et al.  
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For: CLEAR ICE MAKING REFRIGERATOR  
Group Art Unit: 3744  
Examiner: William E. Tapolcai  
Confirmation No.: 3299  
Att'y. Docket: 920002.00005

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(FORM PTO-1449)**

MS Issue Fee  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This application has been allowed and the issue fee is being paid herewith. An information disclosure statement, a copy of which is attached, was filed for this application on March 4, 2004, and was date stamped by the OIPE of the Patent & Trademark Office on March 8, 2004. A copy of the return postcard stamped with that date is also attached. An acknowledged copy of the information disclosure statement form PTO-1449 has not been received by the undersigned. Please return to me a copy of the information disclosure statement form PTO-1449 acknowledged to indicate that the references have been considered.

No additional fees for filing this response are believed to be due. However, if such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97

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Sir:

The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with  
37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ A list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified non-U.S. patent document.
- ☐ A translation or a concise explanation of each non English language document is enclosed herewith.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☒ 37 CFR 1.97(b) [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action]
- ☐ 37 CFR 1.97(c) [before Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance]; and
- ☐ The required certification made under the heading "Certification" below;  
or

☐ The \$\_\_\_\_\_ fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized under the heading "Authorization to Charge Fees" below.

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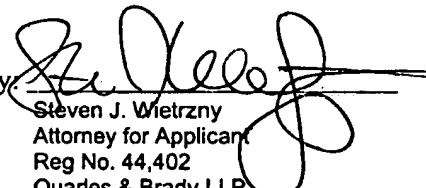
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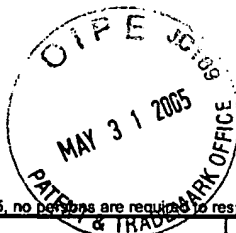
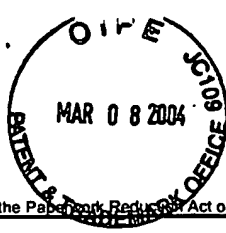
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Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account 17-0055.

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### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		US- 4,872,317	10-10-1989	Reed	
		US- 5,125,242	06-30-1992	von Blanquet	
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